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SUBJECT: W/W JOHN MUTCHLER, DEC. 22, 1956 WASHINGTON

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1. CONSUL HALMO REPORTS FOLLOWING AFTER VISIT TO BOVEC POLICE STATION AND TRAVEL TO AREA FROM WHICH MUTCHLER AND LIEKENS SET OFF FOR CLIMB. FOLLOWING REPORT BY LIEKENS AND JOHANNSSON THAT MUTCHLER FAILED TO RETURN FROM CLIMB, SEARCH PARTY OF TEN PERSONS ORGANIZED BY GORSKA RESALVANJA POSTAJE (MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP) WENT TO SITE AND SEARCHED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ON JULY 5. SEARCH RESUMED BY SAME GROUP ON JULY 6 BUT HAMPERED BY RAIN AND HIGH WATERS CAUSED BY PREVIOUS RAIN. ON JULY 9 WHEN WATERS HAD RECEDED SOMEWHAT, GROUP AGAIN SEARCHED AREA FROM SPOT WHERE MUTCHLER WAS CLIMBING DOWN NEARBY RIVER FOR ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS. IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS ALONG STREAM, ITEMS OF CLOTHING WERE FOUND, INCLUDING BADLY TORN RED-HOODED SWEATER, PULLOVER CAP WITH ORANGE AND YELLOW BAND, THREE PIECES OF TORN PLASTIC RAINCOAT, AND TWO PAIRS OF SOCKS. POLICE AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP STATE THAT MUTCHLER IS PRESUMED DEAD. SEARCH FOR REMAINS WILL CONTINUE WHEN WATER RECEDES FOLLOWING MINIMUM TWO DAY PERIOD WITHOUT RAIN.

2. CONSUL HALMO IS RETURNING TO ZAGREB. HE OR OTHER MEMBERS OF CONSULATE STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST MUTCHLER'S MOTHER AND UNCLASSIFIED

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BROTHER IF THEY COME TO ZAGREB EN ROUTE TO BOVEC. CHRISTENSEN

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